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Mounted Policeman Murdered Constable Wilmot of Frank

He Was Guarding a Store in Order To Capture

The Perpetrator of a Series of Burglaries

Victim Was Found Sunday Morning Lying in a Pool of Blood

No Clue to the Murderer Yet Discovered

[Lethbridge Herald.]
Frank, Alta., April 12th.—G. S. Wilmot, a R.N.W.M.P. policeman, was shot early this morning in the rear of the Imperial Hotel.

He was discovered lying dead in a pool of blood at 7 a.m. The body was still warm.

An examination revealed a large shot wound in the neck on the right side.

For the last week there have been several burglaries, including Dribb's hardware store, which was broken into and the cash box rifled. An attempt was also made to rob the Imperial Hotel.

Wilmot was stationed on duty for the night, and it is supposed that the policeman, in attempting to arrest the party, was shot.

There is no clue to the murderer so far and an inquest will be held.

Wilmot was shot in the neck with a shotgun. The whole charge entered his neck, tearing a terrible hole in it, severed the windpipe.

Wilmot came to the Pass 23rd February from Pincher Creek, where he was well known.

Sergeant Haslett, who is in charge here, wired Inspector Belcher and Inspector Primrose of Macleod, both of whom are at the scene of the crime.

The Difference

He stood beside the altar, And his face was grave and sad; She stood beside the altar— With a smile both sweet and glad. But why this awful difference Between the man and maid? Her clothes were made to order, While HIS were ready-made.

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Coroner Disney, of Coleman held an inquest this afternoon. The jury viewed the body and adjourned until Monday. Although the mounted police are doing all in their power to find the criminal, no clue can be found.

The robbery was committed at the Imperial Hotel last Tuesday and Wilmot was sent to watch the back of the house to catch the culprit, with the result as stated.

The victim's relatives live at Derby, England.

The closing of the Frank mines has thrown many men out of employment. Some are almost destitute. Scores of foreigners formerly employed at the mines are still in the village, and at their door the crime is laid.

Wilmot had only been in the force a year.

Detective-Sergeant Egan went to Frank yesterday on a special train, which stopped at Macleod to take some police from there to the scene of the murder.

A telephone message to the Herald at three o'clock this afternoon says that the police have no clue to the perpetrator or motive of the deed. The deceased constable had been in Frank only a short time and had made no enemies.

From another source the Herald learns that the wound in the neck was evidently from slugs from a shotgun. The policeman's Colt six-shooter was examined and in it were found six empty shells. It seems incredible that the constable could have fired six shots in the middle of the night at the back of an hotel and no one hear them.

The Latest Skycraper

Plans for One of 101 Stories

New York, April 14th.—Here's a building for you!—a hundred and one stories high, all made of concrete on Cantilever and steel arch framing, to cost \$17,000,000!

Land for this monster edifice is to be purchased to-day by the Jay-Potter Realty Corporation from the Anecke-Jans estate. [Anecke is the good old Dutchman who once owned lower Broadway.] The plot will comprise all the space between Nos. 81-90 Broadway, and the square foot cost figures out about \$300 for each area, 12 inches by 12.

The 16 upper stories will be circular, as the building will be surmounted by a dome, modelled after St. Peter's in Rome. In fact, the building will be called the St. Peter. Those floors will be used as an hotel—the eighty-fifth floor of the building being the first hotel floor.

There will be eight stories under ground. These will connect with the subway and the Hudson Tunnel. The lowest floor of all will be used as a natatorium, as the depth is exactly on a level with the salt water of the bay will be attained by this subterranean space. More of the wonders will be announced on a later date.

The great scheme is the product of the brain of Adam Riese, who improved the corner of Broadway and Wall St. so wonderfully.

Such was the information which greatly excited the editors of the New York newspapers last night. Then one of their glanced at the calendar and added the following: "The architect is a new-comer into the land of marvels—A. P. Riese, otherwise known as April Fool. It is understood that the financing will be done by S. T. Ung."

P.C. Gillespie Shot At

Exciting Incident in The Early Hours

An Unknown Man

[Lethbridge Herald.]

While the city was yet asleep on Tuesday morning Constable Gillespie found life full of interest, and quite exciting to a degree that would satisfy any who are fond of a spice of danger.

On his regular rounds the constable was patrolling at the rear of the Bentley Co.'s store and the Bank of Commerce when the report of a revolver and the whizz of a bullet greeted his ear. Although he was not struck the officer deemed it would be prudent to make himself less conspicuous and accordingly he dropped to the ground.

Following David Harum's golden rule, viz., "to do unto others as he would like to do to you—but do it first," Mr. Gillespie proceeded to get his "gun." Meanwhile another bullet, with its uncomfortable near-by buzz, acted as a stimulus for the constable to hurry if he intended to "do it first." The fellow, however, did not tarry to exchange compliments, but vaulted over the fence and took to his heels. The constable, seeing this, but not the face of the man, who with his start was able to turn corners ahead of his pursuer.

The only logical conclusion that Mr. Gillespie can arrive at is that the fellow, who was at the back entrance of the bank, contemplated robbery, but was startled as he was about to put his plan into operation.

In conversation with Messrs. Hindle and James of the Bank of Commerce staff the constable described the man as being a stout, powerful looking fellow wearing a soft felt hat.

At the time of going to press the police have been able to find no clue as to who the would-be-assassin is. A man answering to Constable Gillespie's description entered the Lethbridge Hotel at four o'clock and got his valise. He had not registered.

Falls 160 Ft. and Lives Drops Down Algoma Mine Shaft

And Is Slightly Injured

Montreal, April 11th.—H. Lawrence Price, son of Herbert M. Price, a prominent Quebec citizen, is at the Royal Victoria Hospital after one of the most marvellous escapes from death on record. His business had called him to the Victoria Mine, Algoma, and in some unaccountable manner he stepped into a shaft and fell 160 feet. Local doctors found little the matter with him and physicians here have discovered nothing more serious than a broken kneecap.

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TEACHING CHILDREN GRACE BY DANCING

IT HAS been said that if you make children happy in their childhood you make them happy twenty years hence by the memory of it, and give them in the future a cheerful view of life.

The same may be said of grace and beauty.

Every movement of a young child is naturally graceful, but as the child grows older and acquires self-consciousness it becomes awkward and bashful or awkward and bold.

One of the very best methods of avoiding either of these disagreeable manners is by teaching the child dancing.

Children take to dancing like ducks to water.

And there is really no better exercise for the awkwardness of childhood than dancing. Besides, a well-conducted dancing class teaches many of the little courtesies that are so essential in the after life of either man or woman.

Gail Hamilton once said: "If our grandmothers had expended upon their children the energy they displayed in

Holding
Skirt
Gracefully



A Charming and
Natural Pose

housework and economizing we would be a far better people."

The same may be said of some mothers of today. Don't let small children get into habits that are likely to cause lasting disfigurement.

There is the little tot who, when standing, throws all her weight on one foot.

She doesn't realize that she is drifting into the habit of lopsidedness, that she is making one hip larger than the other by throwing all her weight on it. Tell her the evil effect of the awkward habit.

Or dancing will soon correct her of this ill. She will be taught not only grace of movement, but correct standing and walking positions as well.

There is the boy who shuffles along the floor dragging his heels and causing general havoc to small rugs lying across his pathway.

It is a parent's duty to teach that boy how to walk correctly before his ankles have become permanently weakened by the careless habit.

And the child who holds her elbows out, swings her arms and draws her chest in.

A course of dancing lessons would be a benefit to both.

They will be taught poise, self-confidence and self-pride, which are the three things most needed in overcoming these habits.

Exercise, to be invigorating, needs to be pleasurable and interesting to children. This is one reason why dancing is so delightful to children.

It may not be feasible for children to attend dancing classes, but they can easily be taught the elementary steps in their own home.

Don't forget that dancing, either at home or in class, is one of the most valuable aids to grace and self-possession and courtesy that can be given a child.

It is not a question of temporary benefit, but one which affects the whole future of the being.

Don't let a child acquire awkward habits, in that it will be ruinous to health and appearance.

Don't let a child become self-conscious and bashful. Teach him the great value of "cordial" and consideration for others.

Don't let a child walk improperly.

Teach him to walk on the ball of his feet, with chest well out, shoulders thrown back and abdomen in.

Even an ugly child, if looked after during its growing years, can be made quite passably good-looking.

But if left too long or until the child has become old enough to take a personal interest in the matter, it is usually too late.

The question of the attractive personality of a child lies almost entirely with early training.

No child need be unattractive and ugly if properly trained.



Correct
Position for
Feet

Proper Balance Is Necessary

Acquiring Poise

TIMELY ADVICE BY MRS. HENRY SYMES

Scars

NELLIE—It is possible to make scars on the face less noticeable by constant application of a lotion made as follows: One dram of borax, two ounces of diluted witch hazel and two ounces of rosewater.

To Develop the Neck
J. R. P.—To develop the neck, bathe with warm water and then rub thoroughly with olive oil, using rotary motion. This treatment must be used persistently to be of any benefit.

In the morning use cold water and rub with alcohol.

To Keep Hair in Curl
HELEN—If you have trouble in keeping your hair curly, this formula should help you: Gum arabic, one dram; sugar, one dram; rosewater, two ounces. Mix and dissolve.

Maintain the hair with the solution and put up in curling keds as usual.

To Reduce the Flesh
MARY—Jumping the rope is a splendid exercise to reduce the flesh. If a rubber bandage is used on the parts to be reduced, the exercises will induce greater perspiration and hasten loss of weight. Athletes who are training all ways include jumping rope in their regular routine of exercise.

To Make Hair Grow
J. R. P.—One good method to make the hair grow is to have the ends singed every six weeks and the hair thoroughly shampooed every fortnight with hot water and soap. There is no possible chance of taking cold. No woman with stringy, unclean hair can look dainty or pretty.

Will Not Grow Hair
WORRIED—When the orange-flower skin food is made according to the formula, and the best grade of materials are used, it cannot possibly cause a growth of superfluous hair. A toilet

vinegar is sometimes used in the treatment of an oily skin.

Astringent Wash

CITY—Following is a recipe for the astringent wash to correct oily skin and enlarged pores: Take one-half pint bottle, in which put one and one-half ounces of cucumber juice, half-fill the bottle with cold-water, add one ounce of eau-de-cologne and shake well.

Then add one-half ounce of simple tincture of benzoin. Shake slightly, and fill with cold-water. Apply with soft sponge, night and morning.

Complexion Powder

DISCOURAGED—Following is a formula for a safe powder for the complexion. It must be sifted over and over again through boiling cloth: Two ounces each of pure zinc oxide and precipitated chalk, seven ounces of rice powder, one ounce of orris root, a pinch of carmine, two or three drops of oil of rose.

Facial Eruptions

H. K.—Facial eruptions are no disfigurement that immediate attention should be given to them. Take care of your health. Possibly the liver, stomach or kidneys are in bad condition. Eat no sweets or pastry; drink plenty of water. Apply this lotion night and morning:

One-half pint of water, one-half pint of alcohol, one ounce of rose-water, one ounce of glycerine and one ounce of camphor. Keep the finger tips away from the complexion.

Dry Hair

N. R. H.—When your hair is extremely dry, brillianine makes an excellent dressing. You can buy this for 50 cents a bottle. Pour a drop or two in the palm of the hand, then apply to the hair brush, touching the hair lightly with it.

When the ends of the hair are split,

this is frequently good, as it furnishes the hair with oily nutriment.

To Whiten Hands and Face

J. H. L.—If you really must whiten the face and hands, get genuine buttermilk—or sour milk will do—put a quarter of a cup of grated barges-radish into a pint of milk and wash the face with the mixture. A good face cream should also be used daily to keep the skin from becoming dry.

Hot Water Baths

INVALED—Hot water baths, as a rule, should be avoided, especially by those who are nervous. While they are a powerful stimulant of the nervous system they are usually followed with a strong reaction. If your doctor insists on your taking a hot water bath, it should be taken immediately before retiring. If taken during the day, do not fail to follow it with a plunge, or at least a dash of cold water. Be neither overwarm nor chilly when passing from the bath into the outer air. The hot water bath being a reducer, it may be desired to eat heavily, but a woman who is thin and nervous should confine herself almost entirely to tepid baths.

For Red Nose

L. B.—An infallible cure redness of nose is as follows: One dram of powdered sulphur, two and one-half drams of powdered starch, one and one-half ounces of ointment of zinc oxide, three drops of oil of rose. Mix well and apply at bedtime.

Water Wave

L. R. V.—The water wave is for hair that is naturally curly. Bandoline is applied and the hair is combed over and over again with a comb, the waves being stronger either with hands or with the fingers.

The method is to use the iron, making a flat wave, which is very

much like a natural one. An iron must never be used on hair that is naturally curly.

Brilliantine

NETTIE—Brilliantine will not make the hair curl or keep it in curl. It is used when the hair is given a marcel wave, to give it luster and brilliancy. It sometimes deters blonde hair very slightly.

Rubbing the Eyes

READER—Rubbing the eyes on waking in the morning, or when sleepy, or when bathing, should be very strictly avoided. The pressure of the fingers is bad for the eyeballs and hastens the time when the sight will be dim.

If the eyes feel tired or inflamed, bathe them frequently with a lotion made thus: Fifteen drops of spirits of camphor, one teaspoonful of boracic acid, two-thirds cup of boiling water. Strain through muslin and cool.

Changing One's Figure

DESPAIR—The shape of one's figure can be greatly changed by a well-thought-out diet. If you desire to be long-waisted, a correct corset is the first and best remedy. Go to a first-class shop and have an attendant fit you with the various makes of corsets, until you find one that proves satisfactory.

You can have your gowns made so that you appear longer waisted than you really are. Much depends upon the lines and cut of one's bodice and coat. The corsetmaker and the dressmaker can do a great deal toward improving a woman's figure.

For an Oily Nose

MARION—To the only nose apply this lotion, which will take away the shine: Sulphate of zinc, 4 grains; tincture of lavender, 1 drop; distilled water, 1 ounce. Another remedy that is successful: Boric acid, 1 dram; rose-water, 4 ounces.

Apply as often as necessary, after-noon using a good, heavy complexion powder.

Latest Paris Notes

FANCY tailor-mades seem to be preferred to the severe, more masculine style.

Long jackets, trimmed with braid, buttons and velvet, and opening on to waistcoats, cutaway coats and sloping shoulders, with tucks, pipings and insertions, are in the greatest vogue.

Inspiration has evidently been drawn by the couturiers from Louis XIV and Louis XVI military uniforms, but the result is very new and modern.

One of the prettiest new tones is the "gingham," which is greenish-blue. Another novelty are wreaths of ivy leaves in dark green and autumnal tints on felt hats. A large, purple, fella hat, lined with soft mauve satin, was picturesquely trimmed with a myriad tassel-like tulle flowers in tones of rich purple and white. Tulle is quite the latest flower to be employed in millinery.

The coming fashions can be better gathered at the leading "premieres" than anywhere else just now, and at the "first night" at Antoine's last week it was clear that the princess gown, with shawl-shaped bodice and narrow, close-fitting skirt, is not superseded by any other style, seeing that these models are the creations of a firm whose taste is acknowledged as a criterion the world over.

For evening dresses velvet, supple satin, mousseline de soie and the new square meshed tulle will be largely employed for evening dresses this winter, while day wear will be dyed to the exact tone of the gown.

Gold and silver lace are not any longer fashionable, but white lace is sometimes embroidered with gold threads which outline the pattern.

Clinging, enveloping skirts are the latest vagaries of the creators of fashion, and semi-high-waisted gowns which give height to the figure and produce certain folds which are eminently graceful are being worn to a very marked degree.

Colors and shades have never been more perfect, more varied and more artistic than they are at present. There is quite a furore for all shades of mauve, heliotrope, violet and purple; the latest effective combinations of colors appear to be blue and light blue, but a beautiful Parma mauve and a full-toned blue.

Hats are more and more huge—they are certainly becoming, but it seems almost time now to cry hats and to return to more reasonable dimensions.

The most curious harmonies are achieved in millinery. Green and blue and mole brown, green and violet, gray and brown, flame red and black.

The brims of some hats are slightly folded over on one side or in front; others are quite round. The crowns are round, but they are not visible as a rule, being covered with huge choux of panne or velvet in one or two shades, or masses of feathers with fringed edges, or else completely concealed with bushes of light feathers, egrettes, ostrich and cock feathers, which dart forth on all sides with the greatest daring. Autumn leaves, also, are being used in a similar way.

Nothing definite has been decided about sleeves, and both long and short sleeves will be worn this winter; the lower part of long sleeves are often transparent.

The smartest belts for the coming season are rather broad, made of embroidered satin, and both edges of the belt are bordered with half an inch or so of black satin, stitched finely on to the embroidery; the edging must always correspond with the gown worn. With these belts are worn broad square buckles, chased and enamelled in dark blue or black on gold, green, pale blue and mauve.

Individuality in Styles

THE questions of individuality of style and suitability of color are very important factors of dress.

How often does one see a woman of the athletic type, who looks very smart in tailor-mades, ruin her appearance at a dinner!

She arrives in a flimsy confection of pink fluff, with her hair elaborately waved.

Such dressing is absolute, unsuited to her strong personality.

Had she chosen a simple gown of white, if she had worn her locks around her head in a heavy plait, her appearance would have been striking.

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Notes and Comments

The Times says:—"In Calgary they are going to pass a law that every dog on the street must be led by a string. The worst of leading a dog is that it always looks doubtful which end of the string is doing the leading."

In this issue appear two advertisements asking for tenders in connection with the proposed bridge across the Belly River here. One is for teaming all the bridge material from the station to the works and the other for supplying coal. No doubt a good number of tenders will be put in.

A few carloads of those wandering, half-naked, semi-crazy Doughbors should be shipped to Ottawa and placed on exhibition for the entertainment of the members of parliament on both sides of the house. The West is not anxious for that class of settler and the Easterners should be made to know it.

There is a strong plea for the recognition of the Lord's Day in the statement of Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts that the Sundayless and Sunday-breaking nations are poor. Poor physically—Italy once and France twice in ten years; out down their standards for soldiers because they are not strong physically; poor mentally—they have the greatest illiteracy; poor morally—they have the most vice; poor financially—their workmen, despite longer hours per day and one more day in the week, get the lowest wages; and they are also the worst off politically, vibrating between the extremes of despotism and anarchy.

Irish insurance business is entirely in the hands of some 140 English, Scottish and Canadian insurance companies. An Irish company is now projected.

Have a little patience! The earth was not made in a day. The bridge across the Belly River will soon be started. Remember it is no election bluff. It is a bridge, pure and simple.

During 1907 there were 482 murders, 348 attempted murders and 227 suicides in Serbia. This in a population of only 2,800,000 is a record, at least for Europe; Canada can get along nicely without Serbians.

The C.P.R. is making its annual distribution of seed to its agents all over the system. The seed is to be used in the beautifying of station grounds, twenty-nine varieties of seed being included in each package. The company expects to have more railway gardens this year than ever before. The purchase of a few packages of seed and the formation of a flower garden cannot be too strongly recommended to the residents of Taber as well. Get busy and make your gardens and the town look well to the summer visitors.

Easter Services

Easter Services as follows will be held at St. Theodore's Church:—
11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Communion.
3 p.m., Sunday School.
7.30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Rev. Canon Webb of Calgary will officiate at all the services.
It is to be hoped there will be a full attendance.

Trial by Jury

In McMillan's hall Tuesday evening, April 21st, a most unique case will be tried. It will be the King vs. Turpentine. The trial will take place before Chief Justice Wallace and a jury. The witnesses for the Crown will be Mark Brand, rancher, Dr. Chadwick; Mungo McEldred, rancher, Mr. Jenkins; Sgt. Peacock, R.N.W.M.P., Mr. Schmitt; Assinivassians, Indian scout, Mr. Walker. The witnesses for the defence are Dick Turpentine, cowboy (the prisoner), Mr. Pearson; Mrs. Jessie Turpentine nee Brand, Mr. Long; Mr. Michael Dooly, J.P., Mr. Clappett, Mr. Anderson, K.C., is the Crown prosecutor and Mr. Watson advocate for the defence.

After the trial refreshments will be served. The admission is 35 cents.

Bow Island

The town of Bow Island is growing steadily and is a live little place.

Rev. Mr. Taylor came up from eastern Ontario to make his home here. His wife and family will join him soon. "We very much welcome Mr. Taylor and family to our little community."

Several carloads of settlers' effects have been shipped here from North Dakota and other points, and crowds of farmers are coming to take up homesteads.

Mr. Worts of Lethbridge has lately bought out the store occupied by Mr. Bell. He moves his family here this week. Mr. Bell is going into farming.

Mr. Olquist, owner of the town site, paid Taber a business visit this week.

We understand another lumber yard will be opened soon by a lumber company from Lethbridge.

A meeting was held here Saturday evening at Mr. Carlson's hotel to consider the matter of building a new school.

Mr. Herber has about completed his boarding house and he expects to be ready for business in a week.

Big Family a Boon

Father of 34 Children
Need Not Pay Taxes

Richmond, Va., April 13th.—The clerks for the investigation committee, sent to Virginia by the legislature of West Virginia to look into the records and other data concerning the debt question involving the two states, unearthed some queer old statistics. One such, passed in 1827, read:—

"Whereas it is represented to the general assembly that Wm. Lynch, Sr., of the county of Brunswick, is the father of 34 legitimate children, of whom 37 are now living; that he has been the husband of four wives, the last of whom is now young and healthy, and gives him every assurance of an increase of his numerous progeny; that he was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and that age and the support of his numerous family has at length rendered him infirm and poor:

"Be it enacted by the general assembly that William Lynch, of the county of Brunswick, shall be hereafter exempt from the payment of any public or county tax, levy, charge or contribution whatever, and it shall not be lawful for any court, sheriff, deputy sheriff, coroner or other public officer within this commonwealth to demand or receive of said Lynch any such tax, levy or contribution."

Spontaneous Combustion

Warning Issued by Provincial Fire Commissioners

A bulletin on spontaneous combustion has been issued by A. Lindback, fire commissioner, reading as follows:—

In the investigation of fires and their causes conditions pointing to spontaneous combustion are frequently met with, and as frequently it appears that little attention is paid to the prevention of this fire danger, either on account of the lack of knowledge or actual disbelief in such conditions existing.

The term "spontaneous combustion" really means the burning of substances from causes inherent in themselves, but is commonly used to indicate the burning of inflammable bodies without the application of fire. Spontaneous combustion results from the chemical combination of two or more substances which produce a sufficient heat to ignite them; hence the exterior temperature, the heat accumulating in the mass until it finally becomes so intense as to break out in flames.

Rags, sawdust and old sacks saturated with any vegetable oil will burn within six or ten hours. The time elapsing before the occurrence of spontaneous combustion is lengthened by free ventilation and shortened by the materials being surrounded by non-conducting matter. Animal or vegetable fat is liable to get into any collection of rubbish and cause a fire, the source of which can only be surmised.

Moisture promotes spontaneous combustion, as is shown by the burning of barns from the igniting of damp hay; the burning of houses by the igniting of damp ashes and wet coal; the latter often having started fires in the bunkers aboard ships.

Oatmeal or bran, and many other vegetable substances, if damp and without free air, will ignite. Rags which have been used to wipe excess oil from machinery, or re-oiling furniture and woodwork, or soiled with fresh paint, are liable to take fire, especially if they are thrown into a closet where there is no current of air.

Notice of Dissolution

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership between the undersigned, as "Green & Malo," in the Town of Taber, has this been dissolved by mutual consent.
Dated at Taber, Alberta, this 16th day of April, 1908.
J. H. GREEN,
E. R. EMILIAN MALO.

TENDERS FOR COAL

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Deputy Minister of Public Works, Edmonton, and endorsed "Tenders for Coal," will be received up to 12 o'clock noon, April 22nd, 1908, for the supplying and delivering of all coal required in the construction of a bridge across the Belly River west of Taber, and delivered at the site of the bridge on either side of the Belly River as directed.

Bidder will be made up on a basis of 43 cubic feet to the ton, the measurement to be made on the arrival of the coal at the work.

Successful bidder, if any, will be required to enter into a contract to guarantee prompt delivery as may be hereafter directed, 10% being retained from monthly estimates as a bond for the faithful performance of the contract.

The right is reserved to reject any or all tenders, or waive any defects.

JOHN STOCKS,
Deputy Minister of Public Works,
Dated at Edmonton this 11th day of April, 1908. 9-2

TENDERS FOR TEAMING

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Deputy Minister of Public Works, Edmonton, and endorsed "Tenders for Teaming," will be received up to 12 o'clock noon, April 22nd, 1908, for the teaming of bridge material from the station to the works and the delivery of the material to be erected over the Belly River as directed.

Bidders will be required to state a price for hauling 1,000 ft. of lumber and timber in two weeks per lineal foot. B.M. second, all round piles at so much per lineal foot. All other material including cement, machinery and bridge steel, so much per ton. The difference to be paid from the Contractor's Car at Taber Station by the Contractor and deposited at the bridge site on either side of the Belly River as directed.

Successful bidder, if any, will be required to enter into a contract to guarantee prompt and safe delivery as may be hereafter directed, 10% being retained from monthly estimates as a bond for the faithful performance of the contract as may be hereafter directed, 10% being retained from monthly estimates as a bond for the faithful performance of the contract.

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NOTICE

THE LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

The following applications for licenses will be considered at the annual meeting of the Board of License Commissioners for License District No. 5, to be held at Lethbridge on Tuesday, May 19th, 1908, at 3 o'clock p.m.:

J. R. Minchey, for renewal of hotel license in respect of the Windsor Hotel, situate on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 5, Plan 723 D, Lethbridge.
William Henderson, for renewal of hotel license in respect of the Lethbridge Hotel, situate on Lots 20 and 21, Block 22, Lethbridge.

William Henderson, for renewal of hotel license in respect of the Lethbridge Hotel, situate on Lots 20 and 21, Block 22, Lethbridge.
Anderson and Fowler, for renewal of hotel license in respect of the Lethbridge Hotel, situate on Lots 1 and 2, Block 22, Lethbridge.

Thos. J. L. Co., for renewal of wholesale license in respect of the premises situated on Lot 22, Block 7, Lethbridge.
William Porter, for a hotel license in respect of the Arlington Hotel, situate on Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 6, Plan 723 D, Lethbridge.

George Henderson, for renewal of wholesale license in respect of the premises situate on Lots 1 and 2, Block 19, Plan 690 L, Taber.
Henry Holson, for renewal of hotel license in respect of the Royal Hotel, situate on Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 5, Taber.

Donald J. McIntyre, for renewal of wholesale license in respect of the premises situate on Lots 1 and 2, Block 19, Plan 690 L, Taber.
Carroll and Doyle, for renewal of hotel license in respect of the Taber Hotel, situate on Lots 26, 27 and 28, Block 13, Taber.

Herscher and McEldred, for renewal of hotel license in respect of the Hotel, situate on Lots 36 and 38, inclusive, in Block 4, Plan 508 L, Taber.
Dated at Edmonton this 4th day of April, 1908.
S. B. WOODS,
Deputy Attorney General.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1908

Taber Breezes

Mayor Cousins of Medicine Hat paid Taber a visit Saturday.

Mr. H. Hobson was a visitor to Medicine Hat the early part of the week.

O. W. Kealy of Medicine Hat has been appointed a stipendiary magistrate.

Mr. S. W. Pugh of Winnipeg is visiting his brother-in-law, Dr. G. W. Leech.

Mr. Sneddon moved his family to his homestead at Grassy Lake on Monday.

Don't miss the entertainment in McMillan's hall on Tuesday evening, April 21st.

Bow Island is making application to the C.P.R. for an agent instead of an operator, a station and a freight shed.

Mr. Mitchell of the firm of Tomlinson & Mitchell, wholesale lumber merchants in Winnipeg, was in town Monday.

The Oddfellows will hold their anniversary service in the Church of England on the Sunday after next, April 26th, at 3 p.m.

Mr. G. R. Powell of Little Current dropped in this morning on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Bellwood. We understand Mr. Powell is looking for a business location in the West.

Strayed from Taber last fall two old work horses, one white and one sorrel, both high branded 7 on left shoulder; \$25.00 reward for their return to Taber.—John Walton, Union Hotel, Taber. 7-4tp

Mr. Win. Stratton took his wife to Brandon Monday night for treatment. We understand her mind has been somewhat unbalanced for several weeks. It is to be hoped she will soon be able to return and once more be with her children, who are being tenderly cared for.

The stock and effects of P. N. Bourdages came under Auctioneer Champett's hammer Saturday and were bought by Mr. Groves. Mr. Groves is now busy having the restaurant cleaned and fitted up in first-class shape and he will run an up-to-date restaurant.

Medicine Hat Times:—"The Medicine Hat Lumber and Manufacturing Co. are installing this week a big addition to their plant. A carload of heavy machinery was received last week, which the firm are now putting in and expect to have running in the course of a few days."

Now settlers are almost daily coming to Taber. Quite a number who have homesteads north of the Belly River have had to leave their effects from Lethbridge on account of not having a bridge across the river here. Now that the ferry is running it will help the settlers north of the river considerably.

Master James Douglas returned home Tuesday night from Calgary where he has been attending college. It is very gratifying to learn that he took first place in his class in six subjects out of eight and that his average was by far the highest. His teachers are highly pleased and write Mr. Douglas that his work has been most satisfactory. James will return to make another record after the Easter vacation. Taber boys are made of the right material to succeed and nothing short of first place will suit them.

Mr. Thomas Williams was down from Hillcrest Tuesday evening.

Quite a number of cars of settlers' effects were unloaded here this week.

The Minstrel Maids paid Taber a return visit Thursday last and played to a fair house.

J. A. Whitson arrived to-day with a carload of effects and will settle north of the river.

Miss Florence L. Bellwood arrived down from Calgary to-day and is visiting Mrs. Bellwood.

Still the new settlers come pouring in and a cordial welcome is extended by the people of Taber.

Don't forget the Oddfellows' parade at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 26th. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

Mrs. Thos. Haskett left Wednesday for Cardston on a visit to her father, Mr. Haskett, for a few weeks.

Mr. Alex. McWilliams of Regina was in town Monday looking after his property interests here and at Reliance.

Mr. Moses Simpson loaded a car here Wednesday and moved to his homestead at Bow Island. All will wish him success.

B. W. Wright has opened up a neat jewellery store just east of the Palace Hotel and is now ready for business. His announcement will be found in this issue.

The trial, the King vs. Turpentine, to take place in McMillan's hall next Tuesday evening will be something original and provide lots of fun. Everybody should be present.

I have just put in a gasoline ploughing outfit and am prepared to take contracts for breaking or stubble ploughing. Reasonable prices. For terms and particulars apply to John Elder, Minot, Alta. 9-4c

The Soo-Spokane train starts from St. Paul on April 19th and from Spokane on the 23rd. Taber will be one of the stops this time, the east bound arriving at 6:57 a.m. and the west bound at 7:09 p.m. The train will consist of one baggage car, one mail car, one dining car, two coaches, and one standard sleeper and compartment observation car.

A tremendous prairie fire swept the country out south last Thursday. Wm. Lear, a new settler from Spring Grove, Minn., lost his house, stable, feed, provisions, harness, etc. He was very badly burned himself and has been under the care of Dr. Leech ever since. Mr. Winagh and Mr. Bonig, we understand, lost their personal effects and \$120.00 in cash.

All will regret to learn that Mr. F. R. Davis' mother, Mrs. Ann Davis, passed peacefully to rest on Sunday, April 12th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred C. King, at Parry Sound, Ont. Mrs. Davis had passed the allotted span of life, having reached the advanced age of 83 years. She was a life-long, earnest worker in the Church of England, and now that she has entered into rest she will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. To the bereaved family is extended the sympathy of all.

Literary Society

The Literary Society of Knox Church held a very successful closing meeting Friday evening, the 10th instant. The president, Mr. R. P. Wallace, conducted the study of the concluding chapter of "The Christian Conquest of India," at the same time giving a review of the preceding chapters of this valuable text-book.

A most interesting programme of songs and recitations followed, participated in by Miss Alice Beck, Messrs. D. Williams, Howells, Fletcher, Jenkins and McAskill.

In the course of the evening refreshments were served by the ladies. The Literary Society began work quietly last autumn, but as time passed the interest deepened and the attendance grew greatly; now that the time has come to suspend for the summer expressions of regret are heard because the meetings are over for the season.

It is expected that the society will resume early next autumn, and it may confidently be anticipated that every effort will be made to make these gatherings as profitable and interesting as possible.

Church Services

Knox Church—Morning service at 11 a.m., followed by Sunday School and Bible Class. Evening service, 7:30. Wednesday Congregational Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Sunday school at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Sacrament meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday evening service at 8 p.m.

Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Primary Association every Saturday at 3 p.m.

New Coal Mines

Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Brown of the Seranton Coal Mining Co., composed largely of Spokane capitalists, are here. They have purchased a quantity of coal lands from Mr. Bullock on the coulee west of Taber and have started to develop their mine. They intend to have it a producing mine in time for the fall trade.

Mr. C. E. Moe, late manager of the Eastern Townships Bank here, is busily engaged in getting the material on the ground and preparing to sink a shaft a little south of Taber. Work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. We understand he is backed by wealthy capitalists of Sherbrooke, Quebec, and other eastern cities.

Ball League Organized

Meeting in Macleod

Four Clubs Entered

A meeting was held at Macleod Wednesday to organize the Crow's Nest Baseball League, consisting of Macleod, Lethbridge, Pincher Creek and Taber. A good number of delegates were present and the league was organized under the American Professional League Rules. Sebert Wing and Arthur Lee were the Taber delegates, and they tell us that everything went off most pleasantly and that the enthusiasm for baseball displayed augurs well for a splendid season.

The officers of the Crow's Nest Baseball League are: Patrons: J. P. Macleod, M.P.P., Pincher Creek; M. McKenzie, M.P.P., Macleod, and W. C. Simons, Lethbridge.

Hon. President: C. J. Eckstorn, Lethbridge.

President: C. R. Robinson, Macleod.

Vice-Presidents: A. E. Humphries, Lethbridge; J. L. Carroll, Taber; John Henderson, Pincher Creek.

Secretary-Treasurer: F. D. Noble, Macleod.

AT MACLEOD: Pincher Creek: May 25, Aug. 5. Lethbridge: June 11, July 21. Taber: July 4, July 20.

AT LETHBRIDGE: Macleod: June 8, July 14. Taber: June 4, Aug. 6. Pincher Creek: June 18, July 13.

AT TABER: Macleod: June 13, July 13. Lethbridge: June 26, July 24. Pincher: June 17, July 14.

AT PINCHER CREEK: Taber: June 3, July 21. Lethbridge: June 10, July 20. Macleod: July 1, July 27.

Granum, Staveland, Charnisholm and Nanton will organize a Southern Alberta Baseball League at a meeting called for next week.

For the championship the finals will be played off by the winning teams in the Southern Alberta and Crow's Nest Leagues.

News in Brief

The World's News Boiled Down for Busy Readers

The Canadian Pacific earnings for the first week of April showed a decrease of \$153,000.

By the end of April 5,500 settlers will have left Ontario for the West since the beginning of the year.

David Fee of Kingston was sent to jail for two months for slapping his wife's face. Served him right!

There is a lively competition for the street railway franchise at Edmonton. Several private corporations are after it.

Joe Porter, who was arrested in Calgary on suspicion of being connected with the Ready robbery at Medicine Hat, was committed for trial Saturday.

The capital stock of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Limited, has been increased by supplementary letters patent from three-quarters of a million to four and a half millions.

Fire devastated more than one square mile of the manufacturing, business and tenement district of Chelsea, Mass., entailing a loss estimated at fully three million dollars.

The Herald says:—"Men coming in from the country say that the fall wheat that has not been pastured is looking wonderfully fine and is improving rapidly every day. The pastured wheat is not looking so well, but is improving."

The C.P.R. has stopped selling tickets to Hindus for trans-Pacific voyages. Several hundred Hindus are at Hong Kong and the C.P.R. has declined to allow them passage on the company's steamer in view of the trouble of securing a landing in British Columbia.

The Dairy and Cold Storage

Commissioner's Report

The ordinary government blue-book is not expected to make very interesting reading, for it usually contains only a formal statement of the work of some department or branch thereof. Not so with the reports of the various branches of the department of agriculture, which are written and prepared with a view of giving advice and instruction based on experiment or investigation.

The report of the Dominion dairy and cold storage commissioner, Mr. J. A. Ruddick, recently issued, is no exception to this rule, and any person interested in dairying, fruit or cold storage should secure a copy. This branch of the department deals largely with the commercial side of the industries which it touches. Thus we find such questions as "The Shipping of Green Cheese," "The Cool Curing of Cheese," "Cow Testing Associations," "The Apple Industry of Canada," "The Administration of the Fruits Marks Act," "The Transportation of Perishable Products, etc., etc., fully dealt with.

Any person may secure a copy free of charge on application to the dairy and cold storage commissioner, Ottawa.

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Seeding General in a Good Many Places

LARGER ACREAGE

The following is a report of the seeding conditions along the line of the western division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, compiled by General Superintendent Price from reports from the different stations along the line. Reports from this district are: Swift Current—Seeding has commenced. Weather favorable. Maple Creek—No seeding done yet. Weather favorable and ground ready. Okotoks—Flowing & being done. Fall wheat in good condition. High River—Weather favorable. Seeding under way. Fall wheat looking well. Nanton—No great amount of seeding done yet. Weather very favorable. Taber—Considerable ground broken and being seeded. Weather dry. Lethbridge—Fall wheat looking fine. About 30% spring seeding done. Ground in good condition. Macleod—Plowing and seeding in full swing. Land in good shape. Pincher—Very little seeding done yet. Weather cool. Cowley—Plowing has been started. Weather mild.

Montreal, April 13th.—Discussing the prospects for the coming season, Vice-President McNicol of the C.P.R. remarked to-day that it was yet too early to make any forecast or do much more than breathe the deep thanks that a very bad winter was over. The present indications, however, he considered pointed to at least a fairly good summer, especially in view of the great amount of immigrant business that was being done. In addition to this, reports from various districts in the far West showed that the seeding season had opened very well, with the promise of greatly increased acreage. If these promises were carried out and a good harvest secured in the West Mr. McNicol considered that the talk of hard times would die a natural death, and that the railway work and every other form of enterprise in Canada would forget all about the period of depression which seemed to be even now approaching its end.

A Book in the Baltic

By ROBERT BARR.

"The Triumphs of Eugene Valmont," "Tahiti," "In the Midst of Alarms," "Speculations of John Steele," "The Vectors," Etc.

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(Continued.)

"That's a mistake, Russia wouldn't do such a thing. In spite of all that is said about the Russian government its members are gentlemen. Of course if such a thing happened there would be trouble. That is a point where we're touchy. A very cheap Englishman wrongfully detained may cost a most expensive campaign. Our diplomats may act correctly enough and yet leave a feeling of resentment behind. Take this very case. Britain says coldly to Russia:

"We disclaim the act and apologize."

"Now, it would be much more to the purpose if she said genially:

"We have in our employment an impetuous young fellow who has taken information. He wished to learn how a new piece of ordinance would act, so fired it off with no more intention of striking Russia than of hitting the moon. He knows much more about dancing than about foreign affairs. We've given him a month's leave, and he will slip across privately to St. Petersburg to apologize and explain. The moment you see him you will recognize him as no menace to the peace of nations. Meanwhile, you can incinerate in him some cold, calm common sense before he returns we'll be ever so much obliged."

"So you are determined to do what you think the government should have done."

"Oh, quite. There will be nothing rigidly official about my unauthorized mission. I have a cousin in the embassy at St. Petersburg, but I shan't go near him; neither shall I go to a hotel, but will get quiet rooms somewhere that I may not run the risk of meeting any chance acquaintances."

"It seems to me that it is to afford the Russian government an excellent opportunity of spiriting you off to Siberia, and nobody would be the wiser."

Drummond indulged in a hearty laugh of a youth to whom life is still rather a good joke.

"I shouldn't mind studying the Siberian system from the inside if they allowed me to return before my leave was up. I believe that sort of thing has been exaggerated by sensational writers. The Russian government would not countenance anything of the kind, and if the minor officials tried to play tricks there's always my cousin in the background, and it would be hard luck if I couldn't get a line to him. Oh, there's no danger in my project."

Suddenly the girl came to a standstill and gave expression to a little cry of dismay.

"What's wrong?" asked the lieutenant.

"Why, we've walked clear out into the country?"

"Oh, is that all? I hadn't noticed."

"And there are people waiting for me, I must run."

"No sense, let them wait."

"I should have been back long since."

"Has turned, and she was hurrying."

"Think of your new fortune, Miss Amburst, safely lodged in our friend Morton's bank, and don't hurry for any one."

"I didn't say it was a fortune. There's only \$10,000 there."

"That sounds formidable, but unless the people who are waiting for you muster more than \$10,000 apiece I don't think you should make haste on their account."

"It's the other way about, Mr. Drummond. Individually they are poorer than I, therefore I shan't be turned long ago. Now, I fear, they are in a temper."

"Well, if anybody left me \$2,000 I'd take an afternoon off to celebrate. Here we are in the suburbs again. Won't you change your mind and your direction? Let us get back into the country, sit down on the hillside, look at the bay and gloat over your wealth."

Dorothy Amburst shook her head and held out her hand.

"I must bid you goodbye here, Lieutenant Drummond. This is my short stay home."

"May I not accompany you just a little farther?"

"Please, no. I wish to go the rest of the way alone."

He held her hand, which she tried to withdraw, and spoke with animation.

"There's so much I wanted to say, but perhaps the most important is this: I shall see you the night of the 14th at the ball we are giving on the Constitution."

"It is a very likely," laughed the girl, "unless you overlook me in the throng. There will be a great mob. I hear you have issued many invitations."

"We hope all our friends will come. It's going to be a great function. Your secretary of the navy has promised to look in on us, and our ambassador from Washington will be there. I assure you we are doing our best with festooned electric lights, hanging lamps, and all that, for we want to make the occasion at least remotely worthy of the locality we have received. Of course you have your card, but I wish you hadn't, so that I might have the privilege of sending you one or more invitations."

"That would be quite unnecessary," said the girl, again with a slight laugh and a half-closed eye.

handy, indicating her respect for a compromise.

"Why don't you?" murmured the younger.

"You shan't storm, Sabina. You nagged and nagged at her until she finished her ball dress. It is mamma and I that have a right to complain."

"Our dresses are almost untouched, while you can sail grandly along in the fashions of the Continent. You have a fully rigged yacht. There, I'm mixing up smiles again, as papa always says. A yacht doesn't sail along the deck of a battleship."

"It's a cruiser," weakly corrected the mother, who knew something of naval affairs.

"Well, cruiser, then. Sabina is afraid that papa won't go unless we all have grand new dresses, but mother can put on her old black silk, and I am going if I have to wear a cotton gown."

"To think of that person accepting our money and alienating herself in this disgraceful way!"

"Accepting our money? That shows what it is to have an imagination. Why, I don't suppose Dorothy has had a penny for three months, and you know the dress material was bought on credit."

"You must remember," chided the mother mildly, "that your father is not rich."

"Oh, I am only pleading for a little humbug. The girl for some reason has gone out. She hasn't had a bite to eat since breakfast time, and I know there's not a silver piece in her pocket."

"She has no business to be absent without leave," said Sabina.

"How you talk! As if she were a sailor on a battleship. I mean a cruiser."

"Where can the girl have gone?" wailed the mother, almost wringing her hands, partially overcome by the crisis. "Did she say anything about the going out to you, Katherine? She sometimes makes a confidant of you, doesn't she?"

"Confidant!" exclaimed Sabina wrathfully.

"I know where she has gone," said Katherine, with an innocent smile.

"Then why didn't you tell us before?" exclaimed mother and daughter in almost identical tones.

"She has eloped with the captain of the Constitution," explained Katherine calmly, little guessing that her words contained a color of truth. "Papa said next him at the dinner last night and she is a jolly old salt and a bachelor. Papa was tremendously angry, and she has been discussed tactics together. Indeed, papa has quite a distinct English accent this morning and, I suspect, a little bit of the Russian, which he tries to conceal with a wailing smile."

"You can't conceal a headache, because it's invisible," said the mother, smiling, with her eyes fixed on Katherine, who she suspected was not so carelessly, Katherine, and you mustn't speak like that of your father."

"Oh, papa and I understand one another," affirmed Katherine, with great confidence, and now for the first time during this conversation the young girl turned her face away from the window, for the door had opened to let in the culprit.

"Now, Amburst, what is the meaning of this? I said before her foot was fairly across the threshold."

(To be Continued.)

THE OPEN TURRET.

What a Caustic Critic of Our Navy Has to Say About It.

The most important protection of a battleship, outside of the hull itself, is that given to its magazines. Never since the use of powder upon fighting ships has there been such danger to the magazines as exists in the turret and armored cruiser in the American fleet. It is a first principle, recognized even in the days of wooden ships, that the powder in the turret should be directly up to the gun deck through a vertical shaft. The open turret of the United States battleship is a perfect illustration of this principle in the practice of the world.

The open turret is a fatal shaft leading straight down into the bow of the ship. At the top, the shaft is filled with powder and the whole turret will be filled at once with a poisonous, flaming gas that destroys life instantaneously.

Three times already by a miracle American ships have been saved from the explosion of their magazines because of this kind of accident. Henry Reuterbach in McClure's.

HOW BRITISH SHIPS SALUTE.

A salute in the British navy is made by firing an equal number of guns. If the vessels are unequal rank, the lower rank fires the fewer rounds. A royal salute consists, first, in firing twenty-one guns; second, in the officers lowering their sword points, and third, in dipping the colors.

QUAINT EMBROIDERY.

Done by Hungarian Peasants in Some-what Bizarre Effects.

Hungarian embroidery is done by the peasants of Hungary and has a charm all its own, being somewhat bizarre in effect and yet so distinctive that it is readily recognized. In Hungary this embroidery is always done on white-linen which is very strong and yet not too loosely woven.

Some stitches in Hungarian embroidery are very characteristic. The colors used for this work to see that the most open enough to enable the needle and coarse cotton to be pulled easily through.

The cotton used in Hungarian embroidery is called cotton flannel, and it is generally used as it is without being separated.

It has a beautiful glossy finish-like silk. Its chief recommendation is that it washes extremely well, as the colors are fast.

The designs for Hungarian embroidery are very characteristic and are all somewhat similar, partly on account of the coloring, which is confined to dark blue, red and dull yellow ochre in real old Hungary.

Later, pale blues have been used, but this is something of an innovation. There is something almost oriental in the richness of the red and in the depth of the blues used for this needlework.

The apron illustrated shows the most usual style of design. The colors used are dark blue and red on heavy cream linen.

The details of these stitches are shown, and they can easily be learned.

Graphic Description of a Climb Over a Volcanic Island.

A climb over a volcanic island in Bering sea is thus described in Outing Magazine by Robert Lyman.

"Climb away into chaos. Upright fangs of tuffa, crevices like salt crusted wounds, chasms with leopards' eyes. The foot foundered in steam, but more crinkly and venomous gases. Parched white and red and ochre in their depths, they seemed to smile. First, the air, then the did whistle—a furtive, ambient, high pressure 'Zissahoo-oo.' Was it sound? Then I would pause and catch only the border, overrundered silence.

"The 'thing' seemed more friendly. The sulphur no longer chided. You could have passed a burning bunch of miners' matches under my nose and I would have gulped the fumes like fresh air. But the invisible venom still belched out everywhere, secret and deadly. The air was hot, and gashes four feet and more across, no longer red yellow, but with fangs crusted white or brilliant green and bristling with rapturous stamagons. Heat tremors pulsed, as the whole were a vast roof too close under the eye of the sun. And below the black steam flashed out the supreme delusion—crinkling, clinkery and over-parched—trailing away in smoke of the rainbow lupus of sulphur from grotesque mosaics. It was a padding of slag fresh from that great furnace of the world, a padding of heat, and now to the cold waves and winds of the subarctic!"

Brain Growth.

The brain usually stops growing at about fifty, and from sixty to seventy it is more likely to decrease. It has been pointed out by Canon MacColl that Mr. Gladstone's head was constantly outgrowing his hats. As late as the Midlothian campaign, when he was nearly seventy, he was obliged to have his head remeasured for the reason that Mr. Gladstone's conclusion that this continual growth of brain contributed to Mr. Gladstone's personal youthfulness appears not unwarranted.—London Spectator.

What an Oratory.

"What an oratory. Brudder Jackson?"

"Brudder Simkins, I will elucidate. If you says black an white, dat white an black, but if you says red, red had been black, but if you says black, whatever she said."

Woman's Home Companion.

Surely a Dream.

"Tommy—What would you do, Tommy, if a man came in to give to me yesterday? Small Elmer—it was too soon for you, mamma, so I put some sugar on it and ate it myself."

It is from the remembrance of joys we have lost that the arrows of affliction are pointed.—Mackenzie.

ARTILLERY CURIOSITIES.

Old Time Cannon That Were Made of Leather, Wood and Rock.

Among the curiosities of artillery odd inventors have a great place. Cannon have been made of the most unlikely materials. Leather was used as early as Henry VIII's day at the siege of the Tower of London. The very articles were stored in the tower once, and Evelyn saw them there, inscribed "Nos Marti opus est ut non deficiat in bello." The cannon was built in some corner of a forgotten lumber room? The Scotch employed leather guns in 1640 to batter Lord Conway's fortifications at Newbury, and they did the work well. Describing the feverish alarm in Paris in 1792, Carlyle says: "One citizen has wrought out the scheme of a wooden cannon, which France shall exclusively profit by in the first instance. It is to be made of staves by the coopers, of almost boundless caliber, but uncertain as to strength."

Two small pieces brought to France by the Siamese ambassadors as presents from their king to Louis XIV. were the only artillery procurable for the attack on the Bastille of ecclesiastical model no doubt, adorned with gilded and golden inscriptions, but efficient workmanship. We read of gold cannon in India. There were two so described at Baroda in Burmah, and to which regular adoration was offered. In fact, the tubes were of steel, but the massive gold casing cost \$20,000.

For the defense of Malta in the old days the knights "invented a kind of ordinance of their own, unknown to all the world hitherto."

It was a kind of "bullet" of iron, with a wooden core, and a leaden shell, and was fired from a gun. They followed out the natural rock here and there in such fashion that the cavity was like a mortar.

But there are eccentricities still more curious on record. In a tomb on the island of Chial, near Usumacinta, Mexico, was found a cannon four feet long, and of a diameter of six inches, with a hole plugged it with a wooden disk exactly fitted and heaped with incense and golden incense, and defended by monks and landing places. Some of them were six feet in diameter and bore 10,000 pounds weight of iron or stone.

There are a number of these in the world, and all were used for the same purpose. They were used for the same purpose. They were used for the same purpose.

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Young Folks

STORY OF A GOOD KING.

How the Bowing of Kind Deeds, Returned Bountiful Harvest.

Radly the king looked out of the chamber. Beyond him stretched his kingdom, stretching out to the sea. 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Quick cure for the worst cough—quick relief to the heaviest cold—SAFE to take, even for a child.
That is Shilo's Cure.
Sold under a guarantee to cure colds and coughs—faster than any other medicine—your money back. 34 years of success commend Shilo's Cure. 50c, \$1.

QUICKLY!

Across the Chasm.
"Why, a gulf used to separate her from society."
"True, but the sort of bridge she plays carried over her."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Suffer No More.—There are thousands who live miserable lives because dyspepsia dulls the faculties and shadows existence with the cloud of depression. One way to dispel the vapors that beset the victims of this disorder is to order a course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which are among the best vegetable pills known, being easy to take and are most efficacious in their action. A trial of them will prove this.

She—They say that a man becomes like that with which he continually associates.

He—Ridiculous idea! I've been a fisherman all my life and can't swim a yard yet!—London Opinion.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diarrhea.

D. Quiz—Did you get home before the storm broke last night?
De Fiz—Of course; the storm never breaks at my house until I get home. Pittsburgh Leader.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by Catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circular free.

P. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, etc.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Quarantines.
Quarantine of cattle on account of the cattle tick has been lifted from 20,000 square miles in six states, and twenty counties in the remaining states have been admitted to provisional quarantine. Quarantine for sheep scab has been lifted from Wyoming and Idaho. Another year has been added to this disease eradicated from Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

Dairy Thermometers.
A correct dairy thermometer is indispensable in buttermaking. Temperature plays an important part all the way through it is necessary to know the temperature of the dairy room, the water, the milk, the cream, when ripening, and, above all, the temperature of the cream at time of churning.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, &c.

A Handy Iron Cleaner.
You can make a very practical little contrivance for use on ironing days, says the Delinquent. It consists of a block of wood about six inches square. Five holes are bored in this block and filled with beeswax. These are covered with a piece of muslin. The other side of the block is covered with emery cloth. The emery side of the block is used to rub the iron on if the starch sticks, and the wax side gives the iron smoothness.

Have Two Wash Boilers.
It saves time on Monday to use two wash boilers. Even when the wash is small there is a great advantage in having two boilers. All the rubbing can be done before the rinsing begins, leaving all the tub free.

Desperate Coughs

Dangerous coughs. Extremely perilous coughs. Coughs that rasp and tear the throat and lungs. Coughs that shake the whole body. You need a regular medicine, a doctor's medicine, for such a cough. Ask your doctor about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

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Any good doctor will tell you that a medicine like Ayer's Cherry Pectoral cannot do its best work if the bowels are constipated. Ask your doctor if he knows anything better than Ayer's Pills for correcting this sluggishness of the liver.

AN ODD CANDLESTICK.

With a Curious Record of the Long Arm of Coincidence.

Historical students when called upon to criticize relations of events, especially those that seem to themselves unlikely, that are recorded to have happened in the lives of persons whose careers are separated by a long period of time when the said events have a very striking similarity between them are warned to exercise the greatest caution in the prototype and the latter as a case of transference. Sometimes this may be the correct view to take, but it is commonly a dangerous proceeding to insist upon. An example has occurred to us which illustrates this.

At East Butterfield, a village on the banks of the Trent, there lived in the middle of the nineteenth century a shopkeeper named Marshall. He was a general dealer, supplying nearly all the wants of his neighbors. Above this man's shop and adjoining out-rooms was a long chamber open to the roof in which he kept such stores as he had not room for in his small shop. Among other things, this room contained a mangle, which was at the service of such of the women of the place as made him a small payment.

One winter evening several women were engaged in mangle when one of the candlesticks, which stood on a small table, and, being probably of earthenware, it was broken. Work for the night was nearly over. It did not seem worth while to fetch another, so one of the women took the still burning candle—happily it was not a very short one—and stuck it into some of the candle-sticks which she had noticed in a barrel standing near. Soon, however, one of these good candles, which she had found under the shop and, encountering Marshall there, naturally began to apologize for the candlestick having suffered.

"What a dreadful thing!" said the shopkeeper's boy when he heard what was the substitute that had been found, for he knew at once that the candle was standing in a cask of gunpowder. He rushed upstairs and was just in time. He made a cup with his two hands, as he said, "so that no sparks could get to the powder," and drew the candle calmly out without uttering a sound. His words afterward when all danger was over were, "I have been told, of a kind not uncommonly heard on board of keels and coal barges on our rivers, but such as are discouraged elsewhere."

In the year 1801 "The Depositions From the Castle of York In the Seventeenth Century" was published by the printer, John Bland, and was edited by his editor, Canon Haile, the following passage occurs. The parallelism between the two narratives as to the way the candle was removed from danger is very striking:

"Newcastle had a very narrow escape about 1684. An apprentice going up stairs with a candle into a room which contained many barrels of gunpowder and much combustible material thought, 'I will not go up there with a candle, which the head has been knocked off, to serve for a candlestick. He saw the danger and fled. A laborer ran into the room, and, finding the candle still burning, drew the candle softly up to his middlemost fingers, so that if any snuff had dropped it must have fallen into the hollow of the man's hand.'—London Notes and Queries.

The Charm of the Orient.
Rich and poor wear the striped frock coat of sonner hues, the absence of a collar producing a slovenly appearance, while the snow turban of the Arab and the red fez of the Turk are replaced by the black lambskin kolah and the brown felt skullcap of the peasant. You ask why the carpenter would draw his plan and the why the why the he is backed into his stall or the boat dragged stern foremost on the beach. You notice the fact that at the top of the page that your morning egg is invariably served with its small end upmost. But not certainly in rich Turkish houses, where the charm of the east rears. We are near an explanation when we acknowledge the release from care and artificial conventions of the Orient. Of course to the conditions of a freer and more primitive life. To enjoy an ease, even luxury, of life we could not afford at home to have a servant for every task, to ride in Bombay or Teheran when we would walk if in Piccadilly, to be free from the burdens of a civilization which has created dire responsibilities and duties to one's fellow men, to have no Young Men's Christian association to support or dread, no ball to attend, to be able to play the role of self indulgence to one's heart's content and be, in truth, a little thing in these things, all by means of the secret of the charm—Atlantic.

Ginseng as an Elixir.
Many of the Chinese believe that men all other remedies, and that it is at hand ginseng has the power to bring back health and longevity; hence when they feel the need of it they will pay fabulous prices for it, even in the roots. A root to be really valuable as a commodity must come from the mountains of Kirin or be supplied to have come from there. It must be bifurcated, so as to resemble as much as possible the human form, and be semi-transparent, dry and light. Of course the larger the root the better, and as it is sold by weight it is not very uncommon for a good specimen to bring as much as \$100 an ounce. The value for such a root is in its shape, its texture, the manner in which it has been cured and the region whence it came. But it must be borne in mind that it is a great quantity of roots only a very few of the kind described can be obtained, so that the average price of ginseng is even greatly less than \$100 per pound.

THE COST OF GOOD HEALTH

Will Be Lessened By the Timely Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"How much money is wasted on useless medicines. How much time is lost, how much pain endured simply because you do not find the right medicine to start with. Take the earnest advice of thousands who speak from experience in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and you will save time, money, and above all, you will find perfect health. Proof of this is found in the statement of Mr. J. A. Borge, a well known resident of Lachine, Que., who says: "I am a boatman, and consequently exposed to all conditions of weather. This exposure began to tell on my health. The cold led to weakness, loss of appetite, pains in the limbs and side. I tried several medicines but they did not help me. My condition was growing worse and a general breakdown threatened. I slept poorly at night and lost much in weight, and began to fear that I was drifting into chronic invalidism. One day while reading a newspaper I was attracted by the statement of a fellow sufferer who had been cured through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had spent much money without getting relief, and I hated to spend more, but the cure was so convincing that I decided to give these pills a trial. I am now more than thankful that I did so. After the first couple of weeks they began to help me, and in seven weeks after I began the pills I was as well as ever. I had been so much money without getting relief, and I hated to spend more, but the cure was so convincing that I decided to give these pills a trial. I am now more than thankful that I did so. After the first couple of weeks they began to help me, and in seven weeks after I began the pills I was as well as ever. I had been so much money without getting relief, and I hated to spend more, but the cure was so convincing that I decided to give these pills a trial. I am now more than thankful that I did so. 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Prairie Fires

Are Raging and Doing Damage in All Directions

Prairie fires are raging in all directions. Considerable damage was done in a few places. The prairie is very dry, as there has been no rain yet. The police are very active after those starting the fires, and six were arrested in Macleod the other day. Some Japs on a railway gang set fire to gophers' holes, which they soaked in kerosene and so caused a fire. Loudon's ranch near Bowell was burned, with the loss of the stables and five horses.

Warrants for "Dreamers"

Mounted Police Have a Curious Criminal Case

Medicine Hat, Alta., April 14th.—The residence of Dan Lehr, in the Josephburg district, 40 miles south of Medicine Hat, was burned Sunday night. Coal oil was the cause. A religious sect known as the "Dreamers" is suspected. Josephburg is an American colony. Corpl. Hamby, R.N.W.M.P., with two constables and a number of specials, have gone south to investigate. Nine warrants were issued.

For Slanted Writing

Vertical Form Will Probably Be Done Away With in Alberta

The question of abandoning the vertical style of writing in the public schools is now being considered by the department of education, and if a suitable set of copy-books can be secured it is likely that the present system will be done away with in September. The vertical style does not appear to find favor with the provincial educational committee, which recently reported in favor of the "national slant" style, which system will in all probability be adopted. It is understood that Alberta and Manitoba also have the matter under consideration.

Feather in Alberta's Cap

Rev. T. A. Moore, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, gives Alberta great credit in the enforcement of the Sabbath Day Observance Law and in his annual report says:

"In Alberta the Lord's Day Act is possibly better enforced than in any other part of the Dominion. The sentiment of the people is unqualifiedly sustaining the action of the Attorney General in securing for the citizens the rights and advantages of Sunday under the law."

A Heaven On Earth

This newspaper wait, without a tag of identification, is going the rounds.

A man died and went to heaven as a man should, but it was noticed by the angels that he was not particularly well pleased with the place. The calm, still beauty ground upon him and he hinted mildly that heaven wasn't so many.

Finally, while wandering along the outer edge, he got a glimpse of a familiar angel sitting on the edge of a beautiful fountain, who, like him, wore a longing, yearning look upon his face and whose wings were drooping in dejection. "Ha, ha,"

said the first angel, "I find another dissatisfied soul here. From whence comest thou, friend?" The shade on the fountain looked up sadly and answered: "Alas! I was very happy on earth. I lived in the greatest, grandest, most beautiful place in all the universe, but Death came upon me unawares one day and forced me to come here. It was a sad, sad change." When he had done the first angel grasped his hand, saying: "Brother, I sympathize with you and fully appreciate your dejection. I, too, am from Sunny Alberta!" And they fell upon each other's necks and wept bitter tears.

A STRENUOUS RULER.

Daring, Coolness and Bravery of James IV. of Scotland. One of the interesting characters of history is James IV., king of Scotland from 1473 to 1513. He was athletic, courageous and fond of adventure. In cutting down insurrections and improving the criminal administration of his country he was foremost in the ranks and did not shun a hand to hand contest. He married a daughter of Henry VIII. of England and made a treaty which secured peace between the two countries. He labored to build up a navy and develop commerce and showed skillful diplomacy in dealing with other nations. He was killed in battle at Flodden, where his army was disastrously defeated by Henry VIII.

Those were strenuous times, when it was necessary for a king to be a fighter as well as a ruler. James IV. was a man of many parts. He was a warrior, a statesman, a diplomat, and a man of letters. He was a true ruler, and his reign was one of the most brilliant in Scottish history.

It is related of the vigorous Scottish king that once when wandering through the hills during the night he was overtaken by a violent storm and was obliged to take shelter in a cavern near Wemyss, which is one of the most remarkable antiquities of Scotland. Having advanced some way in, the king discovered a number of men and women ready to begin to roast a sheep for supper. From their appearance he suspected that he had fallen into evil company, but as it was then too late he asked hospitality from them till the tempest was over. They granted it and invited the king, who was unknown to them, to sit down and join them at supper. They were a notorious band of robbers and cutthroats, and this fact soon dawned upon James, as soon as they had finished their supper one of them presented a plate on which two devils were laid in the form of a St. Andrew's cross, telling the king that this was the dessert they always served to strangers—that he must choose one of the devils and fight him whom the company selected was his antagonist. The king, realizing that he was to be murdered, instantly eluded both devils, one in each hand, and plunged them into the hearts of the two robbers nearest to him. He then dashed out of the cave and made his escape, returning as soon as possible to a party of soldiers by whom the whole band was arrested and publicly hanged.

Whittier's Loneliness. He was essentially a lonely man, domestic by temperament, susceptible to feminine charms and exuberantly devoted for the happiness of love and domestic life. He was doomed to a life of solitude, filled with a sense of isolation and having as contemporaries trying who spent over twenty years of his life in Europe; Cooper, who, besides his voyages, lived almost seven successive years; Bryant, who made his excursions to the old world; Longfellow, who knew Europe perhaps better than his native land. Whittier's travels were bounded on the north by the limits of New England, on the east by the neighboring shore, on the south by Washington and on the west by Harrisburg. Brought up a Quaker, he was cut off from the cheerful human activities of New England churches, the most prominent feature of village social life. The curse of constant headaches and chronic insomnia made him almost a prisoner, as his Barrett Wendell phrases it, he was generally troubled by that sort of robust poor health which frequently accompanies total abstinence. But with all these discouragements, irritations and enforced restraints, he seems to have preserved the temperance of a beautiful child.—Professor W. L. Phelps in North American Review.

It Didn't Work.

A man who had been out of work for a long time suddenly recollected reading a story of a clerk who applied for a situation. He was consciously told that there was not a vacancy, and as he turned away he stooped and picked up a pin from the floor. The employer, struck by the action, called him back and said: "You seem a careful sort of man. Call back tomorrow, and we will give you a job."

Our hero therefore determined to copy this man's example, and next day saw him standing before a large manufacturer, having previously dropped a pin on the floor. Getting the usual reply that there was no vacancy, he turned away and then, like the other man, stooped and picked up a pin. But the result was different. "Here, Henry," shouted the employer, "see this fellow off the premises! A man who steals a pin would steal anything!"

A SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE.

Universal Distrust of Strangers in the Russian Empire.

"The usefulness of the czar's chief of police depends on his amount of suspicion and his alertness in putting a tin across one," says Thomas Stiles in a book entitled "Through Russia on a Mustang." "It is suspicious everywhere."

"For several weeks," says the author, "I was thrown in daily intimate contact with Sasha, my traveling companion. He was a transparent, warm-hearted young fellow, but from first to last he never ceased to regard me with suspicion."

"At one village he lost his passport. Ten hours later after I had bribed an official to let him proceed he confessed to a burst of confidence that he had believed I had destroyed the passport in order to get rid of him. All day he had turned his anxious, unsuspicious eyes on me, until I had unwittingly cleared myself by my letter to the police."

"Among the peasants suspicion takes curious forms. In a general way I was always under the hand of distrust. If the men I was regarded as a secret agent of the government, by the women as a wizard. The host of an inn always watched me closely to see that I did not clear out and leave him unpaid. He would even give spy peeps into my room at night."

"I was always being suspected of trying to pass counterfeit money. 'What makes them so long with the change?' I asked Sasha once. 'They are afraid the money bad.' 'Well, the change is only 30 kopeks.' 'That would never do. Then they will be sure it is bad.'"

"The length of time I was kept waiting for a receipt before I was allowed on the denomination of the bill. For a two ruble note the host would be satisfied with the verdict of two or three other capable innkeepers. A five ruble note meant extraordinary precautions and consultations with half the experts of the village."

THE PLAY ITSELF WAS GOOD.

That Much, at Least, the Actor-Critic Had to Admit.

John Hare, the English actor, once went to see one of Frederick Tree's frequent performances of Hamlet. He would willingly have avoided Tree for some little time afterward for reasons obvious to others who, like him, had seen this least impressive of his actor's roles. Hare disapprovingly remained in his box to the end of the play. As the curtain descended on each act he had dreaded the invitation of his fellow players to disrobe, when, where the usual courtesies would have been expected.

Act by act slipped by without any word from the stage, and Hare grew proportionately relieved. As the last curtain fell, however, and Hare retired from the box he found a messenger at the door with Mr. Tree's compliments, and wouldn't he come home for a bite of supper with some friends?

At table Hare parried opening after opening, yet, not once did Tree refer directly to his Hamlet. Hare on his part dreaded every break in the conversation would bring the dreaded topic. After a decent time he drew away from table to go home. Tree accompanied him to the hall to put on his coat. "Now's my chance," thought Hare. "I'll tell you what I think of your hands on the threshold, and Hare started down the steps in happy relief. Tree followed him in his carriage. Hare heard him in dread. Still the topic was avoided. Tree, with cordial courtesy, opened the door. Hare slipped into the cushions of the carriage, joyfully heard the door slam and drew a deep sigh.

But before the horses started Tree's hand was in at the window, and he said, with blighting sanctity: "At least, John, you'll admit it's a good play."

The Source of Life.

In paleozoic times it was the earth itself, not the sun, to which plant and animal primarily stand beholden for existence. This gives us a most instructive glimpse into one planetologic process. To the planet's own internal heat is due the chief fostering of the beginnings of life upon its surface. Thus a planet is capable of at least beginning to develop organisms with out more than a medium of help from the central sun. We talk of the sun as the source of life, and so it is today in the sense of being a sustainer, but the real source was the earth itself, which also missed it through its babyhood.—Professor Lowell's "The Evolution of Life" in Century Magazine.

Ancient Posters.

It is probably the general impression that posters and handbills are modern inventions, but it has been discovered that the ancient Romans practiced this method of advertising. In digging at Herculaneum there was found to fight a pillar covered with bills, one of four another. The paste used to stick them was made of gum arabic. The bills, when sequenced and examined, were found to be programmes and announcements of public meetings and even election proclamations.

Hopelessly Insolvent.

"So Meier has gone to smash, I hear." "Yes; even if he had been a griffin one could have said with truth that he was up to his ears in debt."—Meggen-dorfer Blatter.

Every great artist develops some master word as well as a multitude of surprises.

THE TALL SOLDIER.

Adventure of an English Military Officer in Warsaw.

"Tales of My Father" Mr. Palla tells of an adventure experienced by him while visiting a friend in Warsaw. He had been walking with the prince and had stepped into a small café. At the next table sat a tall Russian soldier with one or two companions. The soldier took out a box of dominoes and challenged one of his friends to a game.

"The prince said to my father: 'Go ask him to play with you, I know him, and he is an interesting man to talk to.'"

"My father crossed over to the table with the prince, who said something in Polish. The soldier immediately invited my father to sit down and play. At the end of a game the soldier remarked:

"My regiment is quartered at St. Petersburg. If you ever go there call at the barracks and ask for Sergeant R."

"If you ever go to London call at the life guard barracks and ask for Captain R," returned my father.

"The Russian rose, saying it was not for him to sit in the presence of his superior officer, saluted and left the café."

"Whoever your friend is, he is a tall man," remarked my father.

"My friend with whom you have been talking and playing dominoes is the great czar—the Emperor Nicholas. Has been better for you, it is his habit to go about disguised and to mix among the people. Those who know him would not lift a finger to harm him. He trusts himself to us and carries his life in his hand. He is safer in these cafes than in the gilded halls of the White palace at St. Petersburg."

The next day my father saw the emperor leave Warsaw, followed by the muttered curses of the people. With a wonderful remembrance of faces, he recognized my father in the crowd and bowed to him courteously.

SANG HER VERY BEST.

Frederick the Great Was Pleased and Marie Franch Was Wise.

There is a good story told of a prima donna named Marie Franch, who lived in the time of Frederick the Great. Whenever anything or anybody displeased the hangily Franch she, after the manner of prima donnas in general, would suddenly become too hoarse to sing. One evening there was to be sung an opera in her repertoire, and it was expected that the king would attend.

At the appointed hour the manager came forward and announced that, owing to a sore throat, Franch Franch was unable to appear.

The people were preparing to leave the house, but the manager rose and commanded them to keep their seats. A few moments afterward an officer and four dragons entered the capricious singer's room.

"Franch," said the officer, "the king desires after your health."

"The king is very good," said Franch, with a pout, "but I have a sore throat."

"His majesty is aware of the fact and has charged me to take you to the military hospital to be cured."

Franch, turning very pale, suggested that they were joking, but was told that Franch must never indulge in persiflage. Soon she found herself in a coach with four men.

"I am a little better now," Franch faltered, "but I will try to sing."

"Back to the theater," said the officer to the coachman.

The Franch began to think she had yielded too easily. "I shall not be able to sing my best," she interposed.

"Franch, Franch!" responded the officer, "but I think you will."

"And why?"

"Because two dragons in attendance behind the scenes have orders to carry you off to the military hospital at the next cough."

Franch never sang better than she did that night.

Saw Her Chance.

"No man shall ever kiss me except my future husband," said the girl as she was about to leave the gate.

"Suppose I agree to be your future?"

"Why, then, I'll kiss you," she said eagerly. And she did.

Her mother was informed that he had proposed, and the old lady called on him the next day to arrange matters, and before he knew it he was eternally locked. It was a very mean advantage, but a bird in the hand is worth two on the garden gate.

A Smooth Tongue.

"No, Mr. Smith," she said gently, but firmly, "I can never be your wife." Then he struggled to his feet and said in broken tones: "Are all my hopes to be thus dashed to pieces? Am I never to be known as the husband of the beautiful Mrs. Smith?" This was too much, and she succumbed.

His Idea of a Wife.

"What is your idea of an ideal wife?" "One who will cook the meats, do the washing, look after the furnace, make her own clothes and—"

"And what?"

"Keep herself looking as young and as beautiful as an actress who pulls down \$400 a week in vaudeville."

A Panther.

"Sop, Esle" said the schoolteacher, "can you tell me what a panther is?" "Yeh, m'am," replied the little miss. "He lit a man that makes panthe."

Simplicity forms a main ingredient in a noble nature.—Theocritus.

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